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AUTONOMIST LEADER, INTERPRETED HIS SPEECH ON 27 OCTOBER AT THE

1. RICCARDO LOMBARDI, SOCIALIST/CONGRESS AS A REASSERTION OF HIS CONTENTION THAT THE SOCIALISTS WOULD WORK FOR A MODERN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IN A JOINT EFFORT OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. THIS CONSIDERATION IS MORE URGENT, SAID LOMBARDI, BECAUSE THE CHANGES IN ITALY OVER THE NEXT FIVE OR SIX YEARS WILL BE RAPID AND WILL CRYSTALLIZE RAPIDLY. SOCIALIST PARTICIPATION MUST THEREFORE COME NOW RATHER THAN LATER.

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LOMBARDI ADDED THAT THE LEFT-WING PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE, BASED ON COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNISTS, IS ILLUSORY BECAUSE SUCH COLLABORATION WOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY WHEN PROFOUND CHANGES TOOK

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PLACE IN THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI), A VERY LONG PROCESS AT BEST.

2. LOMBARDI STATED FLATLY THAT ITALIAN BASES ARE NOT NEEDED FOR THE MULTI-LATERAL FORCE (MLF). HE WAS, HOWEVER, GREATLY PERTURBED BY INFORMATION HE HAD RECENTLY LEARNED WHICH SAID THAT CONCRETE STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE MLF IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THEY COULD NOT BE DELAYED UNTIL THE BRITISH ELECTIONS. LOMBARDI SAID THAT AFTER LEARNING THIS INFORMATION HE POLLED LEADING SOCIALISTS, INCLUDING OTHER AUTONOMIST GROUPS AS WELL AS THE LOMBARDI FACTION, AND THAT THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT THIS ACTION WAS SOMETHING "WE COULD NOT DO, EVEN IF WE WANTED TO." IF WITHIN A MONTH AFTER JOINING THE GOVERNMENT, CONTINUED LOMBARDI, IT SHOULD COME OUT THAT THE SOCIALISTS AGREED WITH THE MLF AS IT IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED--I.E., WITH SURFACE SHIPS AND THE USE OF ITALIAN PORTS RATHER THAN THE USE OF SUBMARINES AND NO ITALIAN PORTS--THERE WOULD BE A REVOLT WITHIN THE PARTY AND "AN EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS WOULD BE CALLED WHICH WOULD THROW US ALL OUT--AND RIGHTLY SO."

3. LOMBARDI STATED THAT THE SOCIALISTS HAVE NOT REJECTED THE WHOLE IDEA OF THE MLF. HE INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT BEFORE THE SOCIALISTS COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT A FORMULA MUST BE FOUND WHICH WOULD TAKE THE ABOVE VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION. HE ALSO INSISTED THAT

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THE QUESTION OF THE MLF MUST BE HANDLED BEFORE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED CENTER-LEFT GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAM WERE DISCUSSED.

4. ([REDACTED]) COMMENT. ON 6 NOVEMBER GIOVANNI PIERACCINI REPEATED (TDCS-3/562,926) THAT THE SOCIALISTS WERE

WILLING TO LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN TO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MLF.

EVEN LOMBARDI HAS NEVER SAID THAT HE WAS UNWILLING TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. PIERACCINI ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT MAKE THE MLF AN IMMEDIATE ISSUE IN WHICH THE SOCIALISTS AND THE OTHER PARTIES OF THE PROPOSED CENTER-LEFT GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE. PIERACCINI ALSO SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY INFORMATION WITHIN THE PAST WEEK INDICATING THAT THE MLF WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY. THE SOCIALISTS CANNOT ACCEPT A FIRM COMMITMENT ON THE MLF, SAID PIERACCINI, NOR CAN THEY BE CONFRONTED WITH AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT WITHIN A MONTH. IF THIS WERE THE CASE, SAID PIERACCINI, IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO PROCEED WITH THEIR NEGOTIATIONS FOR A CENTER-LEFT GOVERNMENT.)

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